BLM Desert District Advisory Council Dumont Dunes Subgroup Minutes June 3, 2014

Meeting was held in the BLM Barstow Field Office in Barstow, CA.

1. Call to Order and Pledge

Meeting was called to order by William Presch, Chair, and he led the subgroup in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Introduction of Attendees

Dumont Dunes Subgroup Members:

William Presch, Biological/Science, Chair

Terry Allen, Nevada Off-Highway Vehicle enthusiasts, Vice Chair (attended via phone)

Randy Banis, DAC Member

Ed Waldheim, Off-Highway Vehicle interests

John Dalgleish, Friends of Dumont Dunes

Andy Silva, San Bernardino County

Brian Brown, Local Community

Gerry Hillier, Public-at-Large

BLM and Public:

Jeff Childers, Acting Recreation Branch Chief, Barstow Field Office, BLM
Steve Razo, Public Affairs Officer, California Desert District, BLM (Designated Federal Official)
Mickey Quillman, Resources Branch Chief, Barstow Field Office, BLM
Tim Hough, Park Ranger, Barstow Field Office, BLM

3. Agenda

The agenda was presented by William Presch and approved by consent.

4. Minutes

Minutes from March 11, 2014 meeting were previously distributed to members, no changes noted. The meeting minutes were approved by consent.

5. Business

FY 14 Dumont Dunes Budget Summary

- Tim provided an overview of the revenue and expenditures through May 30, 2014. Refer to attached handout.
- Ed requested a report that shows expenditures from both the Fee Collection accounts (CF07) and OHV Grants (7123) for Dumont. BLM will prepare a year-end report and share with the Subgroup within the first quarter of FY15.

Member Items

- There was discussion on the Sperry Wash and whether it was in or out of OHV area (ANSWER: not within the designated OHV Recreation Area). Subgroup requested better signing for the area.
- The preparation of a new business plan is still on hold due to lack of staffing. When the business plan is revised consider the use of a \$5 permit to be added to the Annual Pass and or Weekly pass for extra vehicles. The discussion was centered on the need to address drop offs and season pass purchases.
- Road Groom remains in the CA OHMVR grant, even after the grant was reduced by \$73,522. The revised grant will be available at the September 9 Subgroup meeting.
- Ed and Randy displayed the latest CTUC map for the Dumont area.
- Randy discussed the Silurian Solar and Wind projects and the position of the DAC as presented during the May 9-10, 2014 DAC meeting in Needles.
- BLM requested input on the website with a request for the Subgroup to email any changes or modifications to the BLM staff. Randy requested that we put in some better pictures and maps. A profession photographer has been working at Dumont with some of the events and may donate pictures.

6. Upcoming Meetings

- Desert Advisory Council Meeting: September 26-27, 2014 hosted by the Barstow Field Office and December 5-6, 2014 hosted by the Palm Springs Field Office
- Dumont Dunes Subgroup Meetings at the Barstow Field Office from 10 AM to Noon on the following days: September 9, 2014 and December 2, 2014